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Serial No.: Not Yet Known (continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/793,624, filed February 18, 1997)
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For : UNIQUE ASSOCIATED KAPOSI'S SARCOMA VIRUS SEQUENCES AND USES THEREOF

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SIR:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, line 17, after the words "This application is a" and before the words "continuation-in-part" please insert the following:

--continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/793,624, filed February 18, 1997 which is a national stage application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/US95/10194, filed August 11, 1995, which is a--.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-42 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application and add new claims 43-49 as follows:

--43. (New) An isolated peptide encoded by a nucleic acid which is at least 30 nucleotides in length and has a sequence which uniquely defines a herpesvirus associated with Kaposi's sarcoma, which herpesvirus is